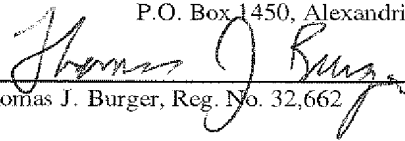


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SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (SRR) UNDER 37 CFR §1.142(c)

This paper suggests that the USPTO restrict the above-identified pending application to one of the following inventions.

Group I, claims 1-16, including 3 independent claims, directed to a swivel adapter.

Group II, claims 17-20, including 3 independent claims, directed to a base unit handle connectable to a shaft and bar, an apparatus connectable to a surgical table, and an apparatus for supporting a head support at one end of a table.

These inventions appear to be distinct because, among other reasons, the swivel adapter claims of Group I recite combinations of structural elements, in varying degrees of specificity. In contrast, the claims of Group II are, in some respects, more general apparatus

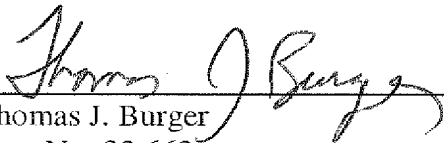
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claims. Absent restriction of the Groups, the examiner could be burdened by this application. For instance, the claim Groups could be subject to separate classification, and could thus require separate patent searches.

For these reasons, applicant respectfully requests that the USPTO accept this SRR. And in that context applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-16, and applicant hereby requests withdrawal of claims 17-20. Group I has less than 5 independent claims and less than 25 total claims. Accordingly, applicant has not submitted an Examination Support Document (ESD).

Applicant respectfully requests that the USPTO follow this suggestion.

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